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For: **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE DELIVERY OF  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES VIA THE ALIMENTARY CANAL**

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2001, Applicants respectfully request  
that the application be amended as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 40, 56, and 78, amend claims 25, 50, 54, 61, 63, 64, 66, 74, 76 and 80,  
and add new claim 82 to read as follows:

141 25. (Amended four times) A method of enhancing penetration of an antisense nucleic acid  
across the alimentary canal of an animal comprising administering to said animal the composition of  
claim 44, wherein said composition enhances penetration of said nucleic acid across the alimentary  
canal of said animal.